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1. During the month of May 1950, loaded freight trains from the Soviet Zone of Germany to the USSR were dispatched from the eight divisions (RBD's) as follows:

	Number of Trains	Average per Day
RBD Berlin	632	21
RBD Halle	169	5 1/2
RBD Cottbus	169	5 1/2
RBD Erfurth	87	3
RBD Magdeburg	37	1
RBD Greifswald	33	1
RBD Dresden	30	1
RBD Schwerin	1	0
TOTAL	1158	38 plus

Trains on the average consist of 100 axles, and most cars have two axles. An axle carries roughly seven to eight tons. Two-axle cars haul 15 tons; three-axle cars, 25 tons. The trains listed above include shipments crossing over at the regular Oder-Neisse border points and those going to the Baltic Sea ports for transshipment to Russia by sea. They do not include cargo directly intended for Poland and other eastern satellite countries.

2. The number of serviceable passenger coaches in use and available for use in the Soviet Zone on 15 May 1950 was 11,156.
3. The Reichsbahn has recently taken over operation of the narrow gauge railway lines of Wernigerode, Gernrode and Brockenbahn.
4. For the development of the Berlin freight belt line called the "Güterausseiring" DM 32 million has been allocated to improve the stretch between Marzahn and Oranienburg. The appropriation has been broken down as follows:

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Construction costs	DM-28,000,000 (East)
Real estate acquisition	1,000,000 "
Signal system, safety devices, communications	2,000,000 "
Unpredictable expenses	1,000,000 "
TOTAL	DM-32,000,000 (East)

Of this total, nearly DM-8,000,000 had already been paid out by the end of 1949 for this project.

5. Two kilometers, from Zossen to Rabendorf, on a main line into Berlin from the South has been converted to double track.
6. The freight line from Schönhauser Allee to Pankow is to be electrified with the idea of eventually running the S-Bahn over it.
7. An electric S-Bahn line running between Grünau and Königswusterhausen was scheduled to be in operation by 1 September 1950. This, however, will be impossible since right-of-way signals and safety controls have not been procured.
8. The line between Rostock and Warnemünde is to be double-tracked. A new passenger-freight station will be built just south of Rostock.
9. Following are listed the appropriations made for specific improvements. For a number of these work was already begun in 1949.

Right-of-ways

Wiesenburg-Belzig, double-tracking	DM- 800,000 (East)
Grünau-Königswusterhausen, double-tracking and electrification	6,900,000 "
Ostkreuz-Westkreuz, S-Bahn through track	2,000,000 "
Biesenhorst-Marzahn, outer freight ring	650,000 "
*Löwenberg-Rathenow, installation of six sidings along stretch	10,000,000 "
Reitwein-Küstrin, general improvements	600,000 "
Velten-Legebruch, general improvements	1,000,000 "
Dennewitz-Jüterbog, new storehouse and rail connection to Halle line	1,000,000 "
Frankfurt/Oder, widening of freight yards	1,300,000 "
Kremmen, widening of yards	200,000 "
Jüterbog, widening of yards	60,000 "
Werder by Jüterbog, construction of rail over rail overpass	100,000 "

*The sidings are reported to be intended for police control inspections of trains in and out of Berlin.

Bridges

Havel Bridge, Spandau, line Berlin-Wustermark	1,000,000 "
Havel Bridge, Rathenow, line Berlin-Wustermark	800,000 "
Oder-Spreekanal, line Frankfurt/Oder-Guben	500,000 "
Schlaube Bridge, line Frankfurt/Oder-Cottbus	200,000 "
Bridge over Grossschiffahrtskanal near Lehnitz, line Berlin-Oranienburg	600,000 "
Spree Bridge, Berlin-Trentow, S-Bahn track	130,000 "
Spree Bridge, Berlin-Trentow, freight track	170,000 "
Notte-Kanal Bridge near Zossen	70,000 "
Overnass, Berlin-Oranienburg, Provinzstrasse	160,000 "
Overnass, Blankenburg, Bahnhofstrasse, line Berlin-Bernau	70,000 "

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Bridges (continued)

Olse Bridge, line Frankfurt/Oder-Cottbus	DM-100,000 (East)
August Bebel Strasse Bridge, Frankfurt/Oder	230,000 "
Underpass and cut, Werbach	170,000 "
Main Havel Bridge, Potsdam, line Berlin-Magdeburg	130,000 "
Museum Bridge, Berlin, Friedrichstrasse	150,000 "
Saakrow Bridge, Paritzkanal, line Wildpark-Nauen	220,000 "

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